

**CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT)**

**Executive Planning Committee**

**February 22, 2005**

**Stephen P. Clark Center**

**111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street**

**10<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**11 a.m.**

**Summary of Minutes**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Miles Moss, P.E., Vice-Chairman

Theodore Wilde

Susannah Troner

Hon. Linda Zilber

**COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

Bruce Libhaber

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Nan A. Markowitz, Executive Director, OCITT

Barbara Bravo, OCITT

Marlene Amaro, OCITT

Mayra Bustamante, MDT

John Prats, OCITT

Patty David, OCITT

David Tinder, PWD

Lourdes Gomez, MDT

Virginia Diaz, OCITT

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Miles Moss, Vice-Chairman of the CITT, called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 26, 2005**

Ms. Linda Zilber moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Theodore Wilde and carried without dissent.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – MARC BUONICONTI**

No Report

Ms. Markowitz announced that the Joint BCC/CITT meeting has been scheduled for March 16, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. at the Stephen P. Clark Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor BCC Conference Room.

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE – THEODORE WILDE**

Mr. Wilde provided the Members with an oral report on the following: (a copy of the report was distributed).

- Mr. Wilde questioned what should the next step be for the CITT with regards to MDT Support for Existing Services item. Ms. Mayra Bustamante responded that the County Manager is working with the Mayor and several Commissioners on alternative proposals which will be presented at the March 1, 2005, BCC meeting.
- Raised a concern on the language listed on the website [www.trafficrelief.com](http://www.trafficrelief.com) that describes the roles and responsibilities of the CITT which he believes is an inaccurate statement. Ms. Zilber interjected that the External Affairs Committee Members are working with OCITT staff on that issue.
- Discussed items that were reviewed at the February 8, 2005, Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

## **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – LINDA ZILBER**

Ms. Zilber reported that the External Affairs Committee met prior to the Executive Planning Committee meeting and discussed the following:

- Proposed an amendment to Ordinance 02-117 to the Board of County Commissioners regarding meeting attendance for CITT Members and Nominating Committee Members.
- Information on the share of surtax proceeds for New Municipalities will be forwarded to the Budget & Finance Committee for review.
- Lynn Harris, MDT, presented the committee with a Federal/State Legislative Update Status report.
- Ruby Hemingway Adams, MDT, updated the members on the status of commuter cards.
- Mark Alvarez, consultant CUTR, presented the Comprehensive Operations Bus Analysis report (COBA).

## **COMPLIANCE & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – HENRY LEE GIVENS**

Ms. Markowitz announced that Mr. Givens requested that Mr. Scott Brand, MDT consultant, be added to the February 23, 2005, agenda to provide a presentation on the Economic Relief Program.

## **PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE – MILES MOSS**

No Report

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - NAN A. MARKOWITZ**

Ms. Markowitz informed the Members that because of a Scribner error from the Agenda Coordinator's office, the CITT Financial Advisor Request for Proposal was not placed on the Regional Transportation Committee's (RTC) agenda. It will be placed on the March 10, 2005, RTC meeting agenda.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Wilde questioned if the cost for the feasibility study could increase for the Miami River Tunnel. Mr. Tinder responded that the \$500,000 allocation is for a comprehensive feasibility study only, which the consultant has agreed to do for that amount. Ms. Troner added that after the study is completed to determine what type of construction would be needed to complete a tunnel, other options will be reviewed. Mr. Tinder made no comment and stated that there are no representatives from the City of Miami present to respond. Mr. Libhaber stated that Exhibit 1, on page 126 in the PTP Resource Guide states "Constructs major ingress/egress improvement in Downtown Miami, from SW 8 Street to SW 1 Avenue."

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 29-124 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE AWARDING OF CONTRACTS FOR UNDER \$100,000 WHICH UTILIZE SURTAX PROCEEDS**

Mr. Libhaber introduced the resolution that was forwarded by the Budget & Finance Committee. Mr. Moss added that the PWD would greatly benefit from this resolution as well. Ms. Zilber moved to recommend the resolution to the full Trust for consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilde and carried without dissent.

Ms. Virginia Diaz suggested that MDT and PWD provide a list of contracts approved by the County Manager to the CITT. Mr. Libhaber commented that this information could be included in the CITT 90 Day Report.

Ms. Zilber introduced two resolutions that were forwarded with a favorable recommendation by the External Affairs Committee (copies of the resolutions were distributed).

Mr. Wilde made a comment on the resolutions pertaining to membership attendance and suggested that approval of excused absences should be handled at the Executive Planning Committee level (copy of resolutions were distributed). Mr. Libhaber advised against approving absences at a committee level because the Ordinance 02-117 specifically addresses the attendance of the full Trust Members and committees are created by the Trust. Mr. Wilde added that absences have not been a problem for the CITT meetings.

**RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) AMEND COUNTY ORDINANCE 02-117, CONCERNING TRUST MEMBERS' ABSENCES**

**RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) AMEND COUNTY ORDINANCE 02-117, TO INCLUDE ATTENDANCE LANGUAGE FOR THE CITT NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Ms. Zilber moved to forward the resolutions with a favorable recommendation to the full Trust for consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moss. The motion was approved with Mr. Wilde being a dissenting member.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

**None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Executive Planning Committee meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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